



Managers' Amendment to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

Strengthening Support for America's Children

The *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* includes many provisions to improve health care for children, such as requiring children's benefits to include oral and vision care, increasing the number of pediatric primary care physicians and pediatric specialists, and improving preventive care to keep children healthy. The Managers' Amendment builds on this strong foundation to further improve access to quality, affordable health care for children.

Eliminating Pre-existing Coverage Exclusions for Children

- ✓ The *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* eliminates pre-existing condition exclusions for all Americans beginning in 2014, when the Exchanges are operational. Recognizing the special vulnerability of children, the Managers' Amendment prohibits health insurers from excluding coverage of pre-existing conditions for children, effective six months after enactment and applying to all new plans.

Extending the Children's Health Insurance Program

- ✓ The Managers' Amendment extends federal funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for two more years, to September 30, 2015, and provides States with additional funding to ensure children have access to this proven successful program.
- ✓ The Managers' Amendment also increases outreach and enrollment grants by \$40 million, precludes States from transitioning children from CHIP into the Exchange without Secretarial certification, and requires insurers offering coverage through Exchanges to report to the Secretary on pediatric quality measures.

Ensuring Choice of Pediatrician

- ✓ The Managers' Amendment requires that insurance plan enrollees be allowed to select their primary care provider from among any participating primary care provider. Parents will have greater choice and be able to choose their child's pediatrician from among any participating pediatrician.

Coverage for Children Aging Out of Foster Care

- ✓ Children aging out of the foster care system face many challenges, including finding quality, affordable health insurance. The Managers' Amendment makes mandatory the current State option to extend Medicaid coverage up to age 26 to foster children who have aged out of the foster care system, effective 2014.

Supporting Adoption

- ✓ To help more children find permanent, loving homes, the Managers' Amendment increases the adoption tax credit and adoption assistance exclusion by \$1,000, makes the credit refundable, and extends the credit through 2011.

Defibrillators in Schools

- ✓ The Managers' Amendment reauthorizes the Automatic Defibrillators in Adam's Memory (ADAM) Act, to increase access to Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in schools, and to assist schools in establishing a public access defibrillation program. The legislation is named for a student who collapsed and died of an undiagnosed heart condition during a basketball game.

Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women

- ✓ Providing support to pregnant and parenting women helps them raise healthy children. The Managers' Amendment includes \$25 million in grants to States to provide assistance to pregnant and parenting teens and women.